

Town of New Fairfield
Board of Finance
4 Brush Hill Road
New Fairfield, CT 06812

MINUTES
Board of Finance Meeting
Tuesday, May 12, 2009
7:30 PM
New Fairfield High School Library

Members present:

Joe Hart, Chairman
Lucy DiRocco
Jane Landers
Al Mardis
Wes Marsh
Tom Wahlig
Art Azzarito, Alternate

Members not present:

Tony Sanches, Alternate
Brian Shea, Alternate

Other Town Officials Present:

John Hodge, First Selectman
Ron Oliveri, Selectman
Tom Corbett, Selectman
Ed Sbordone, Accounting Manager
Kim Hanson, BOE Chairman

Call To Order Chairman Joe Hart called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Appointments- None

Correspondence and Announcements- None

Public Comment

Resident Ellen Fitzgerald from Candlewood Knolls spoke in support of the weevil project.

Vote on funding for milfoil weevil project

First Selectman John Hodge spoke of a Town Meeting held on April 23rd at which residents voted in favor of spending \$15,000 for the weevil project for Candlewood Lake. Members of the BOF asked questions of First Selectman Hodge regarding this project. There was a discussion regarding if this would have to be funded in future years. A discussion ensued among the members of the BOF as to who should be funding this project. There was a discussion about having private lake front homeowners pay for the project or having the other surrounding towns help fund a portion.

Al Mardis made a motion to fund \$15,000 for the milfoil weevil project as an additional appropriation. Tom Wahlig seconded the motion.

After a lengthy discussion, Lucy DiRocco made a motion to call the question on the weevil project motion. Al Mardis seconded the motion.

Vote to call the question: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

Vote on original motion after question was called: 2-4-0 (Motion denied)

Al Mardis and Tom Wahlig in favor

Lucy DiRocco, Joe Hart, Jane Landers and Wes Marsh opposed.

Transfers- None

Discussion of next BOF meeting agenda

There was a discussion among the members of the BOF about agenda items for the next regular meeting on May 20th. It was decided that there would be an "Audit Subcommittee" meeting and a "Policy and Procedures" subcommittee meeting immediately prior to the regular BOF meeting on May 20th. It was suggested that an Ad Hoc committee be formed to make recommendations on the Fire Department Reserve Fund.

Public Comment

Many members of the public including First Selectman John Hodge and Selectman Ron Oliveri spoke of their disappointment with the result of the vote taken by the Board of Finance.

Roger Wise spoke in support of the vote taken about by the BOF and presented the board with information he obtained on the internet regarding weevils. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting.)

Board member comments

Many members of the Board of Finance spoke of the weevil project and explained the reason for their vote.

Adjournment

Joe Hart made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm. Al Mardis seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)